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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Date: April 23, 2001 Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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The attached patents, publications, or other information in the English language do not require a statement of relevancy.

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A concise explanation of the relevance of all patents, publications, or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows:

# C. ENGLISH LANGUAGE SEARCH REPORT

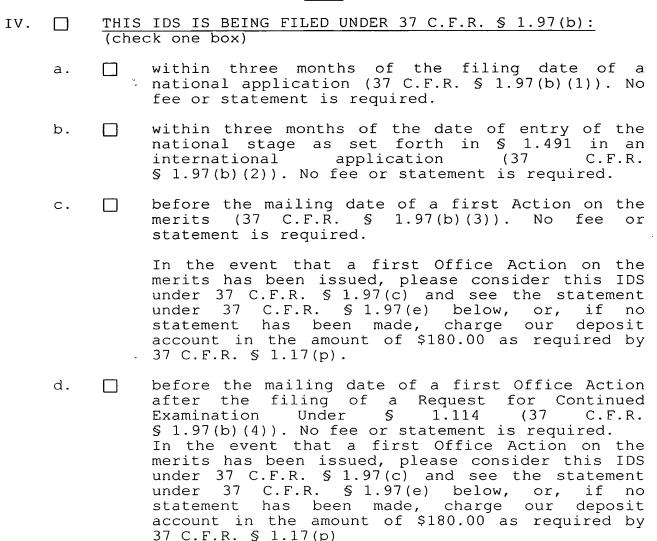
An English language version of the search report or action that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is attached, thereby satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation. See MPEP 609(A)(3).

## d. $\boxtimes$ OTHER

The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

Japanese Patent Application No. 10-271116 A was previously filed in the Information Disclosure Statement on February 26, 2001 without an English Language Abtract. An English Language abstract is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

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Respectfully submitted,

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